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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A CONSOLIDATED
STORE COMPENSATION SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to substantive examination, please amend the
subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

please cancel claims 1-2.

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